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The pig population in August 1990

Pig population increasing

The results of the pig population survey carried out in August 1990 show that the growth which began in April of this year is still continuing. The total Community figures indicate even that the rate of growth is increasing.

However, there are several reasons for exercising great caution in interpreting the results. Since Belgium and Greece had not sent in their data at the time of drawing up this report, the tables give the 1989 figures for these two Member States.

The results for Portugal are still based on very incomplete replies and should therefore be used with circumspection.

The series for France show no improvement since the April results appeared. Once again, the latest results are not comparable with the previous ones. As we have already had occasion to write, this discontinuity is due to the ageing of the sample, which has been updated on the basis of the data obtained from the agricultural survey at the end of 1988. A back-calculation from the previous data is in preparation, but is not yet available. To avoid misleading users, the growth rates for France have been omitted in the tables.

The most marked increase was recorded in Spain, where the total population now exceeds 17 million head, an increase of 4.6% over the corresponding period in 1989. At 16.5% of the Community population, the Spanish population now occupies second place, behind the Federal Republic of Germany with 21.9%. The increase in Spain in the number of piglets of less than 20 kg (+7.3%) and mated sows (+4.1%) reveals a structural change in breeding in this Member State. Because of a considerable improvement in the health situation, Spain has become an exporter (approximately 50 000 head in 1990).

In the other major Member States from the point of view of pig-breeding, the population remained stable, apart from some slight fluctuations (Germany -0.2%, the Netherlands +0.1% and the United Kingdom +0.6%). Italy remained unchanged.

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An increase of 3.2% was recorded in Ireland and Portugal, while the population in Denmark decreased by 1.7%. As this decrease does not apply to the number of sows (which increased slightly), it may be concluded that any fluctuations will remain limited. The increase in Portugal is most marked in the number of piglets of less than 20 kg (+5.2%). In Ireland, on the other hand, the increase is most marked in the pigs for fattening categories.

At EUR-12 level there is a gradual increase in the number of pigs for fattening.

There is an almost general increase in the number of breeding sows, which indicates a continuing upward trend in production.

However, the EUR-12 figures show a deceleration in the growth rate for mated sows (+1.8%), of which sows mated for the first time account for 0.8% compared with April 1990 (+3.1% and +3.8% respectively). The increase in the number of breeding sows not mated (+2.2%) and breeding gilts not yet mated (+4.6%), on the other hand, exceeds the upturn recorded in April (+0.6% and +2.4%).

The increase in the numbers of sows mated for the first time is most marked in the United Kingdom (+13.7%), Portugal (+11.5%), Ireland (+9.9%) and Spain (+8.2%). This last figure confirms the structural changes in Spain mentioned above.

The drop of 23.6% recorded by Italy for this category should be checked.

Prices which need to be interpreted in detail

After an increase following the disturbances caused by the outbreak of classical swine fever in Belgium, the average Community price for slaughtered pigs has fallen since October to the 1988 level. This drop is due to a number of factors, viz.:

- the removal of restrictions in Belgium. Since the health situation has improved this Member State (except for a limited area) is again authorized to export;
- the surplus of pigmeat on the European market due to the influx - probably temporary - of live pigs from the former GDR;
- the virtual closure of the Japanese market. As stocks of pigmeat in Japan are more than adequate at present, and the exchange rate for the yen is unfavourable for European exporters, at present exports to this country have plummeted.

A more detailed examination of the situation shows that the average profit margin for producers is much better than the selling prices alone indicate, since the prices of compound feedingstuffs are on average 11% below 1988 levels and have never been so low. This means that the pigmeat price/feedingstuffs price ratio is still favourable.

Gross domestic production also continues to increase

An increase in demand of 0.9% is forecast for the next twelve months. This pan-European trend, however, hides a few variations.

The greatest increases in production are forecast in Ireland (+4.3%), the United Kingdom (+3%), Italy (+2.8%), Spain and Greece (both +2.4%).

An upturn is also expected in Belgium now that the health situation has returned to normal. Following massive slaughterings of over 1.1 million pigs (approximately 349 000 on health grounds and approximately 765 000 to support the market), supply will only slowly return to normal.

On the other hand, in other Member States stagnation or even a fall in production is forecast (Germany -1.4 %, France -1.4 % and Denmark -0.4 %).

It should also be noted that in discussing these data the Netherlands has reported improved productivity among their sows, while the United Kingdom has recorded a downturn, due partly to putting more young sows into production (an increase in the population of breeding sows).

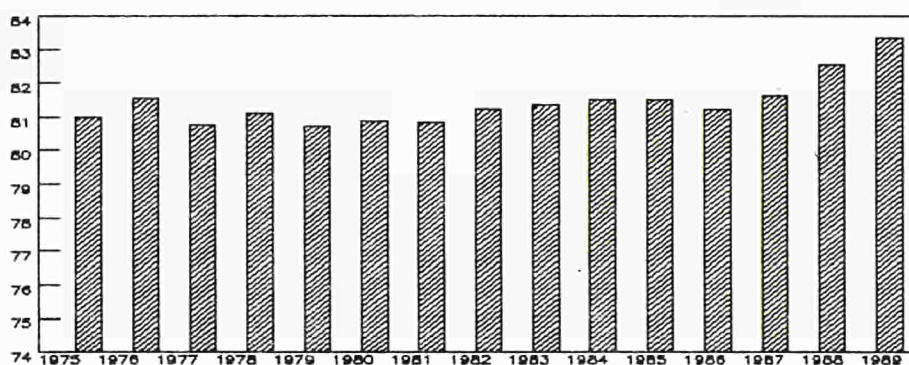
It is useful to remember that the following forecasts are in number of head. The total quantity of meat is based on the average weight of the slaughtered animals. On discussion of these figures several Member States pointed out that the average carcass weight is still on the increase. The chart below, calculated on the basis of monthly slaughtering figures (tonnes and number of animals) confirms this.

As the August survey was carried out before the unification of Germany, the population for the territory of the former GDR is not included in either the statistics or the forecasts. Total pig population is estimated at approximately 12 million head, which is more than 50% of the population of the Federal Republic of Germany before unification. If this situation were to continue, which is hardly likely, the united Germany would account for one third of the European pig population.

Last-minute information on gross domestic pig production in the former GDR
('000 head)

	12 months	Aug/Sep	Oct/Nov	Dec/Jan	Feb/Mar	Apr/May	Jun/Jul
1989/1990	14170	2370	2470	2160	2490	2450	2230
1990/1991	12550	2280	2280	1960	2230	2080	1720
%	-11.4	-3.8	-7.7	-9.3	-10.4	-15.1	-19.2

Average carcass weight of slaughtered pigs in EUR-10 (kg)



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	EUR 10	EUR 12	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
INSGESAMT														
TOTAL														TOTAL
1987	86222	105660	5920	9685	25037	1114	16810	12059	995	9008	75	14340	2628	7988
1988	84855	103373	6619	9453	23852	1161	16178	11661	976	9076	76	14014	2340	7968
1989	83299*	102044*	6703	9550	22790	1127	16319	11560*	989	9013	73	13964	2425	7531
1990	83913	103479*	6703!	9390	22723	1127!	17063	12317!	1020	9011	71	13971	2503*	7579
% 90/89	0.7*	1.4*	-!	-1.7	-0.3	-!	4.6	-*	3.2	0.0	-2.1	0.1	3.2*	0.6
FERKEL (<20 KG)														
PIGLETS (<20 KG)														PORCELETS (<20 KG)
1987	24758	30227	1678	3048	7399	372	4671	3004	229	1776	30	5019	798	2203
1988	24285	29558	1805	2917	7061	395	4531	2743	225	1780	30	5086	741	2243
1989	23811*	29114*	1785	2949	6694	356	4573	2846*	230	1800	28	5042	730	2081
1990	23808	29482*	1785!	2934	6666	356!	4906	3000!	234	1628	25	5077	768*	2103
% 90/89	0.0*	1.3*	-!	-0.5	-0.4	-!	7.3	-*	1.4	-9.5	-9.5	0.7	5.2*	1.1
JUNGSCHWEINE (20-50 KG)														
YOUNG PIGS (20-50 KG)														JEUNES PORCS (20-50 KG)
1987	22346	27638	1551	2991	6046	299	4563	3722	313	1951	17	3225	730	2231
1988	21672	26589	1710	2960	5808	326	4301	3466	314	1961	15	2909	617	2203
1989	21257*	26092*	1670	2953	5634	285	4167	3480*	317	1925	14	2873	668	2106
1990	21159	26071*	1670!	2887	5501	285!	4234	3461!	325	2030	15	2871	678*	2114
% 90/89	-0.5*	-0.1*	-!	-2.2	-2.4	-!	1.6	-*	2.6	5.4	7.6	-0.1	1.5*	0.4
MASTSCHWEINE (>50 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (>50 KG)														PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (>50 KG)
1987	29394	35575	1970	2542	8674	270	5443	4047	341	4464	17	4456	737	2614
1988	29650	35588	2347	2502	8298	260	5302	4316	324	4518	19	4454	636	2612
1989	29194*	35487*	2498	2587	7907	322	5615	4079*	324	4487	20	4496	677	2474
1990	29781	36368*	2498!	2504	8006	322!	5895	4629!	340	4540	21	4475	691*	2447
% 90/89	2.0*	2.5*	-!	-3.2	1.3	-!	5.0	-*	4.8	1.2	4.1	-0.5	2.1*	-1.1
MASTSCHWEINE (50-80 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (50-80 KG)														PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (50-80 KG)
1987	17879	22050	1205	2023	5419	200	3625	2251	261	1881	11	2776	545	1853
1988	17993	22010	1448	1991	5201	191	3537	2371	247	1907	12	2742	479	1883
1989	17442*	21637*	1544	2061	4918	224	3716	2228*	248	1690	13	2770	479	1746
1990	17833	22202*	1544!	1994	5063	224!	3873	2576!	251	1674	15	2744	496*	1748
% 90/89	2.2*	2.6*	-!	-3.3	3.0	-!	4.2	-*	1.4	-1.0	16.0	-0.9	3.5*	0.1
MASTSCHWEINE (80-110 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (80-110 KG)														PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (80-110 KG)
1987	9764	11653	746	506	3138	65	1735	1665	65	1329	6	1573	154	672
1988	9844	11622	875	498	2977	65	1651	1713	63	1352	6	1637	127	657
1989	9821*	11763*	934	515	2876	92	1784	1697*	67	1330	7	1650	158	651
1990	9762	11817*	934!	498	2838	92!	1892	1811!	76	1213	6	1648	162*	646
% 90/89	-0.6*	0.5*	-!	-3.3	-1.3	-!	6.1	-*	12.5	-8.8	-18.0	-0.1	2.5*	-0.8
MASTSCHWEINE (>110 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (>110 KG)														PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (>110 KG)
1987	1752	1873	19	13	117	5	83	132	16	1254	0	107	38	89
1988	1813	1956	24	13	119	4	113	232	14	1259	1	75	30	72
1989	1931*	2086*	20	11	112	5	115	154*	9	1467	0	76	40	76
1990	2186	2350*	20!	12	105	5!	131	242!	13	1652	0	83	33*	53
% 90/89	13.2*	12.6*	-!	9.1	-6.5	-!	13.7	-*	39.8	12.6	48.4	9.2	-17.5*	-30.3

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ZUCHTEBER (>50 KG)

BREEDING BOARS (>50 KG)

VERRATS REPRODUCTEURS (>50 KG)

1987	423	557	27	38	116	13	106	75	5	46	1	57	28	45
1988	399	527	25	39	101	14	105	62	5	46	1	63	23	44
1989	371*	495*	23	37	96	12	100	60*	5	44	1	49	24	44
1990	365	495*	23!	36	94	12!	101	59!	5	51	1	41	30*	44
% 90/89	-1.6*	0.0*	-!	-2.7	-2.5	-!	0.4	-*	4.2	13.7	-9.9	-16.3	25.0*	0.0

ZUCHTSAUEN (>50 KG)

BREEDING SOWS (>50 KG)

TRUIES D'ELEVAGE (>50 KG)

1987	9303	11665	695	1066	2802	160	2027	1211	108	771	11	1583	335	896
1988	8849	11111	732	1035	2584	166	1939	1074	109	771	11	1502	323	865
1989	8667*	10856*	727	1024	2459	153	1863	1095*	112	756	10	1504	326	827
1990	8799	11062*	727!	1029	2456	153!	1928	1168!	116	762	10	1507	336*	871
% 90/89	1.5*	1.9*	-!	0.5	-0.1	-!	3.5	-*	3.8	0.8	-7.2	0.2	3.1*	5.3

GEDECKTE SAUEN

MATED SOWS

TRUIES SAILLIES

1987	6076	7498	471	669	1807	89	1222	778	75	574	7	982	200	624
1988	5816	7209	495	653	1666	103	1201	689	76	573	7	946	193	607
1989	5741*	7102*	492	649	1612	103	1158	714*	79	566	7	935	204	583
1990	5810	7227*	492!	650	1607	103!	1205	740!	83	578	7	947	212*	603
% 90/89	1.2*	1.8*	-!	0.2	-0.3	-!	4.1	-*	5.1	2.0	-6.6	1.3	3.9*	3.4

DARUNTER: ZUM ERSTEN MAL GEDECKTE SAUEN

OF WHICH: SOWS MATED FOR THE FIRST TIME

DONT: TRUIES SAILLIES POUR LA PREMIERE FOIS

1987	1262	1523	110	139	366	20	210	169	14	144	1	196	51	102
1988	1142	1393	99	137	315	21	200	135	14	142	1	178	51	100
1989	1148*	1399*	101	135	310	23	199	149*	15	142	2	176	52	95
1990	1137	1410*	101!	135	318	23!	215	148!	17	109	1	177	58*	108
% 90/89	-1.0*	0.8*	-!	0.0	2.5	-!	8.2	-*	9.9	-23.6	-12.1	0.6	11.5*	13.7

NICHT GEDECKTE ZUCHTSAUEN

BREEDING SOWS NOT MATED

TRUIES NON SAILLIES

1987	3228	4168	224	397	995	71	805	433	33	198	4	601	135	272
1988	3033	3901	237	382	918	63	738	385	32	198	4	556	130	258
1989	2927*	3754*	235	375	847	49	705	381*	33	190	3	569	122	244
1990	2988	3835*	235!	379	849	49!	723	428!	33	184	3	560	124*	268
% 90/89	2.1*	2.2*	-!	1.1	0.2	-!	2.4	-*	0.9	-3.0	-8.6	-1.6	1.6*	9.8

DARUNTER: NOCH NICHT GEDECKTE JUNGSAUEN

OF WHICH: BREEDING GILTS NOT YET MATED

DONT: JEUNE TRUIES NON SAILLIES

1987	1070	1292	95	132	288	9	188	146	9	83	1	222	34	85
1988	992	1179	94	134	244	13	155	125	9	82	1	214	32	76
1989	991*	1167*	95	135	238	15	139	111*	9	77	1	236	37	75
1990	1027	1221*	95!	137	244	15!	155	127!	9	72	1	231	38*	97
% 90/89	3.6*	4.6*	-!	1.5	2.4	-!	12.1	-*	1.1	-6.0	-24.6	-2.1	2.7*	29.3

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12 MONATE														
12 MONTHS														12 MOIS
1988/89	136464*	161732*	8482	16046	37710	2368	22022	20127*	2211	10243	125	23997	3246	15155
1989/90	134652*	159789*	8683*	16229	36620*	2340*	21834*	19928*	2314*	10090*	129	24081*	3303	14237
1990/91	135487*	161198*	9008*	16169*	36100*	2397*	22368*	19750*	2414*	10372*	131*	24485*	3343*	14661*
% 89/90	-1.3*	-1.2*	2.4*	1.1	-2.9*	-1.2*	-0.9*	-1.0*	4.6*	-1.5*	3.2	0.4*	1.8	-6.1
% 90/91	0.6*	0.9*	3.7*	-0.4*	-1.4*	2.4*	2.4*	-0.9*	4.3*	2.8*	1.6*	1.7*	1.2*	3.0*
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER														
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1988	23015	27136	1515	2854	6417	358	3576	3531	385	1374	20	4118	545	2443
1989	21892	25820	1496	2763	5901	350	3368	3281	376	1413	20	4045	560	2247
1990	21997*	26117*	1540*	2690*	5750*	356*	3540*	3400*	414*	1670*	20*	3955	580	2202*
% 88/89	-4.9	-4.8	-1.3	-3.2	-8.0	-2.2	-5.8	-7.1	-2.2	2.8	0.0	-1.8	2.8	-8.0
% 89/90	0.5*	1.2*	3.0*	-2.6*	-2.6*	1.7*	5.1*	3.6*	10.0*	18.2*	0.0*	-2.2	3.6	-2.0*
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER														
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1988	23701	27896	1518	2752	6624	413	3665	3417	376	1715	24	4010	530	2852
1989	23613	27754	1615	2855	6370	411	3613	3432	406	1787	22	4107	528	2608
1990	23488*	27740*	1680*	2873*	6250*	405*	3714*	3250*	410*	1791*	24*	4195	538	2610*
% 88/89	-0.4	-0.5	6.4	3.7	-3.8	-0.6	-1.4	0.4	8.2	4.2	-8.3	2.4	-0.4	-8.6
% 89/90	-0.5*	-0.1*	4.0*	0.6*	-1.9*	-1.4*	2.8*	-5.3*	0.9*	0.2*	9.1*	2.1	1.9	0.1*
DECEMBER/JANUARY														
DECEMBER/JANUARY														DECEMBRE/JANVIER
1988/89	24310	29190	1375	2762	6562	602	4335	3440	363	2483	22	4076	545	2625
1989/90	23749*	28321*	1420	2739	6331	589*	3992	3483	377	2347*	21	4010	580	2431
1990/91	23886*	28682*	1473*	2806*	6200*	618*	4202*	3400*	390*	2352*	22*	4100*	594*	2525*
% 89/90	-2.3*	-3.0*	3.3	-0.8	-3.5	-2.3*	-7.9	1.3	3.8	-5.5*	-4.5	-1.6	6.4	-7.4
% 90/91	0.6*	1.3*	3.7*	2.4*	-2.1*	4.9*	5.3*	-2.4*	3.4*	0.2*	4.8*	2.2*	2.4*	3.9*
FEBRUAR/MAERZ														
FEBRUAR/MAERZ														FEVRIER/MARS
1989	21917	25867	1336	2541	5954	360	3410	3299	359	1793	19	3998	540	2259
1990	21780*	26027*	1301	2660	5978	357*	3696	3266	365	1611*	18	4053	551	2170
1991	21868*	26124*	1464*	2547*	5900*	367*	3695*	3250*	390*	1629*	22*	4035*	561*	2264*
% 89/90	-0.6*	0.6*	-2.6	4.7	0.4	-0.8*	8.4	-1.0	1.7	-10.2*	-5.3	1.4	2.0	-3.9
% 90/91	0.4*	0.4*	12.5*	-4.2*	-1.3*	2.9*	0.0*	-0.5*	6.7*	1.1*	22.2*	-0.4*	1.8*	4.3*
APRIL/MAI														
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1989	22265*	26353*	1425	2605	6238	299	3549	3279*	368	1545	19	4000	539	2486
1990	21887*	26068*	1492*	2582	6027	297*	3647	3271*	388	1501*	26	3966	534	2338
1991	22255*	26446*	1492*	2685*	6000*	301*	3661*	3250*	400*	1490*	21*	4120*	530*	2496*
% 89/90	-1.7*	-1.1*	4.7*	-0.9	-3.4	-0.8*	2.8	-0.2*	5.3	-2.9*	36.8	-0.8	-0.9	-6.0
% 90/91	1.7*	1.4*	0.0*	4.0*	-0.4*	1.3*	0.4*	-0.6*	3.2*	-0.7*	-19.2*	3.9*	-0.7*	6.8*
JUNE/JULY														
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1989	21256*	25290*	1313	2532	5915	335	3487	3161*	361	1333	21	3795	547	2490
1990	21731*	25799*	1359*	2630	6013*	337*	3518*	3195*	401*	1431*	22	3900*	550	2443
1991	21993*	26089*	1359*	2568*	6000*	350*	3556*	3200*	410*	1440*	22*	4080*	540*	2564*
% 89/90	2.2*	2.0*	3.5*	3.9	1.7*	0.5*	0.9*	1.1*	11.2*	7.4*	4.8	2.8*	0.5	-1.9
% 90/91	1.2*	1.1*	0.0*	-2.4*	-0.2*	3.9*	1.1*	0.2*	2.2*	0.6*	0.0*	4.6*	-1.8*	5.0*

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